

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It is not in the public interest for one large corporation to use its FCC license to push a particular viewpoint with the intention of influencing the outcome of the presidential election.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.